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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: DEBE, DEREK A. ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 10/764,260

FILED: JANUARY 22, 2004

FOR: **METHOD FOR DETERMINING
FUNCTIONAL SITES IN A PROTEIN**

ART UNIT: 1653

CONF. No.: 6173

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment to direct the entry of the Sequence Listing, submitted with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed concurrently herewith, into the above-identified application.

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